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ABSTRACT

A riser (10, 50) for supporting a plurality of panels (66) to be laminated with a plastic laminate sheet (96), which is defined with a press table (12) of a laminating press (14) by a plurality of alternating ridges (20) and channels (22). A plurality of blocks (36) are received in the channels (22) for selective longitudinal movement therein, each of the blocks (36) extending from the channel sufficiently to define a gap (64) between a distal surface (42) of the block (36) and an upper surface of the adjacent ridges (20). The blocks (36) are movable longitudinally in the channels (22) to define wrap gaps (70) between the ends (38, 40) of the blocks (36) and the edges (74) of the panels (66) supported thereon for the plastic laminate sheet (96) to wrap under perimeter edges of the panels during lamination. A method of supporting a plurality of panels to be laminated with a plastic sheet in a laminating press is disclosed. A method of modifying a laminating press with a riser for supporting a plurality of panels to be laminated with a plastic sheet is disclosed. A laminating press having a riser for supporting a plurality of panels to be laminated with a plastic sheet is disclosed.

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